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In re application of Bengt GUSS *et al.* :
 Serial No. 09/147,405 : Exr: S. Devi
 Filed: April 1, 1999 : Art Unit: 1645
 For: New Fibrinogen Binding Protein Originating From Coagulase-Negative
 Staphylococcus

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated January 25, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to May 25, 2002, by filing a petition for a one month extension of time and paying the required fee. The deadline for filing a response within the extended one month period is May 28, 2002, since May 25, 2002, falls on a Saturday and May 27, 2002, is a federal holiday. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Sub 15
 1. (Five times amended) A purified *Staphylococcus epidermidis* protein or polypeptide fragment of the protein having fibrinogen binding activity.

Sub 16
 25. (Thrice amended) A vaccine composition including the protein or polypeptide fragment of the protein having fibrinogen binding activity according to claim 1.